

Introduced by Senator Negrete McLeod

February 19, 2010

An act to add Article 4.3 (commencing with Section 4146) to Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 4 of the Public Resources Code, relating to fire protection.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1280, as introduced, Negrete McLeod. Fire protection: state facilities.

Existing law establishes the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in the Natural Resources Agency. The department is responsible for the fire protection, fire prevention, maintenance, and enhancement of the state's forest, range, and brushland resources, contract fire protection, associated emergency services, and assistance in civil disasters and other nonfire emergencies.

This bill would require a fire station of the department to be the primary responder for an emergency call requesting emergency assistance that is made from a facility that is operated by the state if certain conditions are met, including if the fire station is immediately aware of the call, the call requests emergency assistance of a type for which the fire station is equipped to respond, the fire station is open, staffed, and available for response, and the fire station is within a specified vicinity of the facility.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 4.3 (commencing with Section 4146) is added to Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 4 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

Article 4.3. State Facilities

4146. (a) A fire station of the department shall be the primary responder for an emergency call requesting emergency assistance that is made from a facility that is operated by the state if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The fire station is immediately aware of the emergency call made by the facility.

(2) The emergency call requests emergency assistance of a type for which the fire station is equipped to respond.

(3) The fire station is open, staffed, and available for response.

(4) The fire station is closer to the facility than any other fire station or situated so that its crew would have a substantially similar response time as the nonstate fire station that would otherwise respond.

(b) If the conditions in paragraphs (1) to (4), inclusive, of subdivision (a) are met, the fire station shall respond to an emergency call requesting emergency assistance that is made from a facility that is operated by the state.